Helicopter ambulance service

2051. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduc a helicopter ambulance service; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) There is no proposal under Government's consideration to introduce a Helicopter Ambulance Service in the country.

(b) Does not arise.

pesticides found in breast milk

2052. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem that appeared in the Indian Express of 19th July, 1986 under the caption 'Pesticides found in breast milk'; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir. The report expresses concern over presence of excessive pesticides in commonly used Food items which go into the human system and find a place in breast milk.

(b) Maximum tolerance limit of pesticides residues in food articles have been laid down under the provisions of Rule 65 of the PFA Rules, 1955. The State Governments have been advised to draw samples and take action under the PFA Rules wherever this limit is exceeded.

Strike by crew members of Air India

2053. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 102 crew members of Air India have been chargesheeted for having actively participated in the work to rule agitation between May, 2 and June 5, 1986;

(b) whether their increment has also been stopped from July 1, 1986;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that Air-India Cabin crew members had decided to observe a days' token strike on the 11th July, 1986 to protest against the punishment of above 102 members; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) 106 Crew members were chargesheeted during the period between 28th May to 5th June, 1986.

(b) and (c) Out of 106 cabin crew who were chargesheeted, punishment was awarded in 96 cases by a reduction by three stages in the time scale of pay for a period of one year and in 8 cases reduction by one stage in the time scale for a period of three years.

(d) and (e) Air Indian cabin crew had served a strike notice on 26th June, 1986 proposing to go on strike on 11th/18th July/1st August 198 conteding that the punishment awarded to the cabin crew is in breach of the Agreement and Understanding reached on 5th June, 1986 between the Management of Air India and the Cabin Crew Association. The proposed strike of the cabin crew did not take place, since the matter is under conciliation.

Utilisation of National Tonnage

2054. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to grant special freight incentives to Indian importers for fuller utilisation of national tonnage;

(b) what is the present scheme and what are the new proposals; and